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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF: Douglas Frazier
SERIAL NO.: 09/960,759
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO: 22333-010-401
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ART UNIT: 3753
EXAMINER: GEORGE L. WALTON
FOR: SPILL CONTAINMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner Interview on September 16, 2003, and prior to examining the claims, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (**Ref. No. 22333-010-401**).